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Here is Carl Luetzelschwab's second article on their DX-pedition to Syria

YK9A - Behind the scenes #1

Getting There

Our adventure began on Thursday February 1. Vicky went in to work in the morning, but I stayed home to finish packing our last two check-ins and my carry-on (the other two check-ins and Vicky's carry-on were already packed). Around 10 AM we headed to the airport with everything in the back of the van. Our flight wasn't leaving until 2 PM, but we wanted to get everything taken care of early - in case we had some surprises.

Check-in at US Airways went pretty smooth - but it did take a while. Because we checked everything all the way to Damascus, we had to take it all to the security gate and have it all x-rayed. I had to open two of the suitcases - I kind of expected that, since I had all kinds of odd-shaped things packed in them. We were there long enough to create a very long line of other passengers waiting to get through. After everything was cleared and our boarding passes issued, we headed back home.

KR9U came to the house a little after noon, and drove us to the airport so we wouldn't have to leave the van there. We stopped for lunch on the way. Since we already had our tickets and luggage taken care of, we didn't have to rush.

Our flight to Pittsburgh was on-time, and soon we were in PIT buying chocolates at the Godiva shop. We wandered down to our gate, and waited for our departure to Paris. It also left on-time, and soon we were heading toward Europe. After dinner we put on our masks and put in our earplugs to try to get some sleep. We were scheduled to arrive in Paris at 6:30 AM local time - that's 12:30 AM back in Ft. Wayne - kind of screws up the sleep cycle. We managed to get about 3 hours of sleep. We were tired when we got to Paris, but the anticipation was greater than being tired.

Bob G4VGO was supposed to meet Vicky and me in Paris. He was going to take us on a whirlwind tour of Paris, as our flight to Damascus wasn't leaving until 1:00 PM. But he never showed up - a couple days later we found out that his passport had been stolen from his Paris office, and he was frantically trying to get a new passport and a visa for Syria. He got a new passport, but the visa for Syria couldn't be done quickly. That's how we lost an op, an amp, and a laptop.

We finally hopped on the shuttle bus to Terminal 2 around 10

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AM and met up with the rest of the YK9A team. After introductions (we only knew Al K7AR from the Pacific Northwest DX Convention last summer), we grabbed some sandwiches and sat down to wait for our flight to Damascus.

Up until now we were all pretty relaxed (and tired). But as boarding time approached we all started feeling a little un-

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President's Corner



Once again the board is looking at the possibility of polling former members to try and ascertain why so many leave the organization. I consider this to be a very important step in the direction that I like to refer as "Reinventing the Club".

To better explain that last statement, let's stop and think about what is happening to club activity across the US these days. It is not just Amateur Radio clubs that are in decline, it is all types. Years ago, I was a member of the Northeast Indiana Sports Car Club. This was a very active club that promoted various types of events concerned with personal motor sports. I have been searching for quite a while, and I can not find any sign of the club, so the conclusion is that is now defunct.

There seems to be decline in all types of clubs, whether they are R-C model clubs, Model Railroad, model rockets, astronomy, etc... Although society is very complex, and surely there are many reasons for this decline, it appears to me that jobs, family commitment, and commuting are absorbing everyone's free time. Some experts estimate that the average person has only three hours a month of "disposable" time to devote to a hobby like activity.

As for "Reinventing" the club in America, we must work to find ways to keep our organization alive in an era when people have so much competition for their time. One thing we have done in recent years, is to strip the business part of the meetings to the minimum. People are in meetings a lot at their jobs, and have little desire to be in any more than necessary.

Another strategy is to have "working" meetings for board members, so that most everything is done when the meeting is over. If you have too many action items, they seem to get lost in the day to day grind.

What else to we need to do to improve the value of the club to its members? I do not have all the answers (if I did, I could make a fortune in talk radio), so I am appealing to all for suggestions. If you have an opinion, or an idea on the subject, please drop me an e-mail, or better yet, come to a club meeting or

event and talk to me about it. The same goes for on the air, too!

The meeting this month is on the 15th, and our focus is on final Field Day preparations. We will be at the McMillan Girl Scout camp again this year. [see map on pg. 7] Clint, KB9LOF, is the contact person again, so e-mail or call him if you are interested in participating. Our friends at ACARTS (and any other hams) are welcome and encouraged to join us for the W9TE effort.

On Saturday evening, a dinner catered by Goegleins will be available for \$6.50 per person. Of course, we will have HAM! We will be looking forward to seeing you there!

73, Steve, WB9ZIY

PS- Kudos to everyone that helped out with Skywarn when the tornado hit Fort Wayne on May 26th. Good job all!

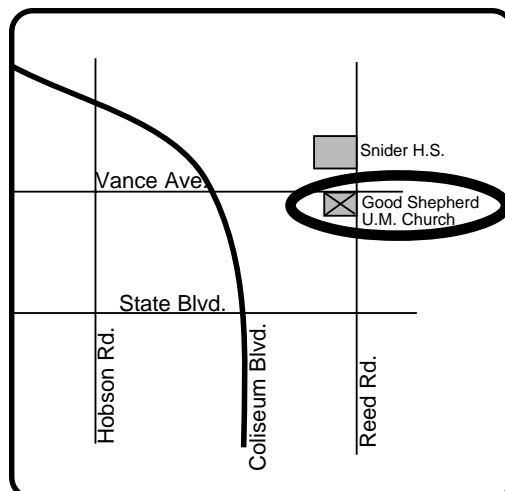
June Meeting

Friday, June 15, 2001, 7:30 PM

Good Shepherd U.M. Church

(see map below)

Program: Field Day Preparations



Syria - Continued from page 1

easy. After all, we were going to Syria - all we ever hear about Syria is news items with words like "terrorists" and "shootings" thrown in. Of course it was kind of late to back out, so we were soon winging our way to YK. Interestingly, I sat next to a guy from Houston. He worked in the oil business, and was helping the Syrians with their refineries. What he told us was in sharp contrast to what we hear on the news.

We arrived in Damascus around 7:30 PM. It took a while to get through Immigration due to the number of people getting off the plane (full flight). The guy asked me what I did for a living. I think he was checking to see if what I said agreed with what I had written on the Immigration form.

Omar YK1AO met us in Customs. He had a bunch of guys with him to help load all of our luggage (about 27 bags - 3 per person). That's when we found out three of our bags didn't make it - my suitcase with my AL-811, my PVC tube with two masts, the 3 el 10 m Yagi, and all our guy rope, and the taped-together boxes of satellite antennas (one of the gifts to the Syrian ARC). Omar took me to the luggage claim guy, and I gave him all the info so he could find out where my lost luggage was (it was in Paris - it never got on our flight). After that was done, we went through Customs without opening a single piece of luggage - Omar had greased the skids very well. We later found out that one of Omar's good friends works in Customs - hmmm, bet that helped.

Everything was loaded into Omar's car, YK1AU's pickup truck, and a rented minibus. We took everything to the Syrian Telecommunications Establishment (STE) building, hauled it up three flights of stairs to the third floor (we were all dragging a bit after that), and then went to our hotel for a good night's sleep. And sleep we did.

Carl K9LA

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Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes

Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes May 11, 2001



The May, 2001 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club commenced at 6:30 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. There were about 35 people present and the meeting was hosted by President Steve Nardin. As this was the Spring Banquet the business meeting was very short, i.e., the main business was eating!

Secretary Al Burke read the minutes from the April meeting and there were no corrections.

Treasurer Bob Streeter provided a status of club finances as follows: As of 11 May 2001 the club had year-to-date income of \$1,759.01 and expenses of \$467.76. It had \$86.56 cash on hand, \$7,929.40 in checking/savings and had total assets of \$12,350.42 including the estimated value of club property.

Steve Nardin reported that he had made arrangements for the use of the Girl Scout camp lodge for Field Day, similar to last years arrangements. We also have an offer for use of their new Cedar Creek cabin which has multiple rooms and is air conditioned. The Board of Directors will meet to decide if the upgrade should be pursued.

Carl Rittenhouse gave a brief status report on club member Walt Wood, N9AVR. Walt is in a nursing home in town recovering from a stroke. He is on the mend and would likely appreciate hearing from club members. Please contact Carl Rittenhouse for details.

Steve Nardin reported that the Code & Theory Class was down to one student, and it looks like he will be successful in getting a ticket. Plans are afoot to repeat the class this Fall, probably at Ivy Tech.

Steve also noted that the club would again provide communications support for the Diabetes Walk-a-thon that will occur on Saturday June 16.

Following the business meeting all those present had a really outstanding meal. If you were not there, you missed out!

And following the meal, those present were treated to an excellent presentation by Carl and Vicky Luetzelschwab, K9LA and AE9YL, on their DX-pedition to Syria complete with overheads, photographs and a demonstration of Carl in Palestinian headgear.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

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President's Message



It is hard to believe that half of the year is already gone. Where does the time go. I hope everyone survived the severe weather on May 26th. Many of you may remember the "old wives tale" that a city that had three rivers would never be hit by a tornado. That has and should be once and for all laid to rest. Everyone involved with tracking and reporting the path of the storm and tornado did a good job. I was pleased that traffic on the repeater was kept to a minimum to allow those directly involved to feed information to the net control station. You made it a lot easier for Joel KB9RH. Looks like a lot of people read my comments on storm reporting in last months' message. I would like to thank everyone for your help.

The month of June brings on of Ham Radio's biggest events. It is time once again for Field day. At the time of writing my monthly message no decision has been made about the level of participation our club will take this year. At our May board and general meeting there was discussion about a limited Field Day with the emphasis on the young hams in our club. Many of the newer hams have never experienced a Field Day, and it was felt that it might be a worthwhile experience. They could be more involved in setting up. It need not be towers, but simple dipole antenna. We

would not operate all night, but during the day-time. Our other option would be a joint Field day with FWRC. To do our own full blown Field day would require a commitment from someone to lead it and people to operate. The Field Days seem to be getting smaller and harder to find people to participate. The number of older hams is getting smaller, the middle aged hams have many other commitments, and the younger hams seem to have little or no interest in Field Day. What are your thoughts on the idea of targeting the younger hams for this year's Field Day, or doing a joint operation with FWRC. We need to know soon so we can make plans. Contact me or any board member, or come to the board meeting on the 12th. That's all for now.

73, Vic KA9LTV

ACARTS June Program

The June program will be a presentation on Amateur Television by Jim Pliett, K9OMA. If you are curious about how ATV works or what it takes to get started, do not miss this program. Jim is very knowledgeable about ATV, and will be able to tell us the how any why. See everyone there.

73, Vic KA9LTV

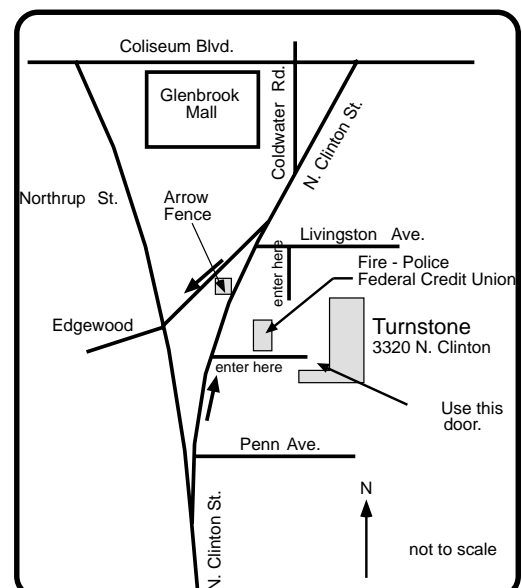
Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

General Meeting: Tuesday, 06/19/2001
Program: Amateur Television by Jim Pliett, K9OMA

Board Meeting: 06/12/2001
All members are encouraged to attend.

Tech Committee: 06/20/2001



Tech Committee News - KB9IBW

Hello:

I am now back to work and recovered from my bruised ribs, and fractured hand. Now the next problem to be solved is how to get off work in time for the club meetings each month.

This September 14th thru 16th the Vietnam Wall Experience will be at the Highland park Cemetery. This is a 240 ft. replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. I am considering the possibility of running a special event station in conjunction with this event if there is enough interest. This special event would be SSB, and APRS and sponsored by the Tech Committee. If you have an interest in this type of event please let us know at a meeting, or call KB9IBW on the repeater during the IMO net. The Special event could run Sat. 9/15 for about 8 hours, and longer if we have the bodies to run the station.

If there is interest we will contact the cemetery, and set up a place for the Club, or run the station from Turnstone if we cannot set up on site. If anyone has any other ideas please let the Tech Committee know.

Good Hamming! 73 KB9IBW

FCC Reiterates License Renewal And Modification Basics

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC took advantage of the Dayton Hamvention FCC forum to remind Amateur Service licensees that license renewal and modification now is done via the Universal Licensing System—or ULS. The ULS is accessible via the FCC ULS Web site, <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau noted that Amateur Radio licenses may not be renewed any sooner than 90 days prior to license expiration. When only changing an address, he said, licensees should choose the "Administrative Update" (AU) option. When renewing only, he said, choose "Renewal Only" (RO). To change an address while renewing your license within the 90-day window, select the "Renewal/Modification" option. An application requesting renewal that's outside the 90-day window will be dismissed, Cross said. Modifications no longer automatically result in a new ten-year license term. Call sign changes are not made unless requested by the licensee. Cross said amateur applicants needing assistance or who believe they have made an error on an application they've filed should contact the ULS help desk, ulshelp@fcc.gov.

ACARTS May Board Meeting Minutes



The May Board meeting was called to order at 8:12 by President Vic Berko, KA9LTV after a very lively session of folding and addressing newsletters.

Doug Jones, N9NNT said that he is doing paperwork with the FCC and ARRL to be listed as Repeater Trustee. Plans for Field Day were discussed. The board talked about sponsoring a small Field Day setup to operate with the Boy or Girl scouts. This idea will be presented at the General meeting.

Topics for future meeting were discussed. Any ideas would be approached by the board.

Doug made the motion to adjourn. Howard Pletcher, N9ADS second.

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Carr, KB9LDU

ACARTS May General Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic gave the general membership a recap of the board meeting. Tentative plans for the club picnic in August were discussed. Jim, KB9IH volunteered his back yard for the event as turnout would not warrant the rental of a pavilion at a city park. Another topic of discussion was Field Day. There was not enough interest among the members present to support a 24 hour club operation. The possibility of setting up a station at Turnstone for a few hours was mentioned.

A motion to close the business portion of the meeting was made by Richard, KB9VAQ, and seconded by Dan, KB9VTJ.

Vic, KA9LTV, turned the meeting over to Jim, KB9IH, who presented some ideas on events in which club members can participate that will showcase and generate interest in amateur radio to the younger generation. These included Kids Day on June 16th, Field Day, and the Scouts Jamboree on the Air in October.

After refreshments, ARRL videos on emergency preparedness and Field day were shown.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

2001 Indiana Amateur Radio Youth Excellence Awards

Attention to all Indiana Amateur Radio Operators:

Please pass this on to your CLUB members and HAM friends...

The 2001 Indiana Amateur Radio Youth Excellence Awards

Nominations for the 2001 Indiana Amateur Radio Youth Excellence AWARDS are being accepted. These AWARDS are intended to reward, encourage, and publicize youth Amateur Radio activity in Indiana.

A. Up to four (4) AWARDS will be made, in one or more of the categories listed below. Nominating criteria for each category are listed below in Item I.

- Public Service Excellence
- Amateur Radio Enjoyment Excellence
- Technical Creation Excellence
- Amateur Radio Promotion Excellence

B. A nominee must be a licensed amateur, residing in Indiana, of age 30 or less (having a date of birth on or after July 1, 1970).

C. Please provide all the following nominee information for the selection committee:

1. Nominee's name: _____
2. Nominee's mailing address: _____
3. Nominee's callsign: _____
4. Nominee's email or phone number: _____

5. A 25-100 word description of the excellence the nominee has demonstrated for the award :

E. Send nominations to Ernest, KB9SKI (kb9ski@arrl.net). Please mail it with an apt subject header, such as "Young Amateur Nomination" (Receipt will be acknowledged.)

F. All Nominations must be received by June 18, 2001.

G. The AWARDS will be presented during the July 7th, 2001, Indianapolis Hamfest.

H. AWARDS are sponsored by the Indiana Section, ARRL.

I. Award Categories and Criteria:

• Public Service Excellence

The Public Service Excellence award is to be presented to

the Young Amateur who best exemplifies the power of Amateur Radio to serve the public in Indiana. There are any number of service opportunities: weather nets, traffic handling, emergency response, parades, public events, and so forth. Let's recognize Young Amateurs who have really represented themselves and Amateur Radio favorably to the general public we serve.

• Amateur Radio Enjoyment Excellence

The Amateur Radio Enjoyment Excellence award is to be presented to the Young Amateur whose activities best enable other amateurs and non-amateurs to enjoy Amateur Radio more: a contest organizer, a person who runs a Kid's Day special event or a Jamboree On The Air site, or the tireless Field Day assistant, among many other possibilities. Let's recognize Young Amateurs who really, really help make Amateur Radio a lot more fun.

• Technical Creation Excellence

The Technical Creation Excellence award is to be presented to the Young Amateur who best carries on the classic ham tradition of creative equipment construction and technical experimentation. Anyone can get a station on the air using only store-bought gear, but some come up with new circuits, new antennas, new software and modes, new repeater accessories, and a galaxy of other innovative possibilities. Let's recognize Young Amateurs who show the urge to fiddle, to tweak, to make nifty gadgets, who show their potential for growing Amateur Radio out of the Twentieth and into the Twenty-First Century.

• Amateur Radio Promotion Excellence

The Amateur Radio Promotion Excellence award is to be presented to the Young Amateur who best serves as an example attracting others to become hams. This person may have been the mover in starting a ham club at a public school, or a catalyst in a Scout troop or a homeschooling group. Let's recognize Young Amateurs who effectively promote Amateur Radio to their peers.

A special thanks to Ernest Clark, KB9SKI for this great effort in preparing this guideline..

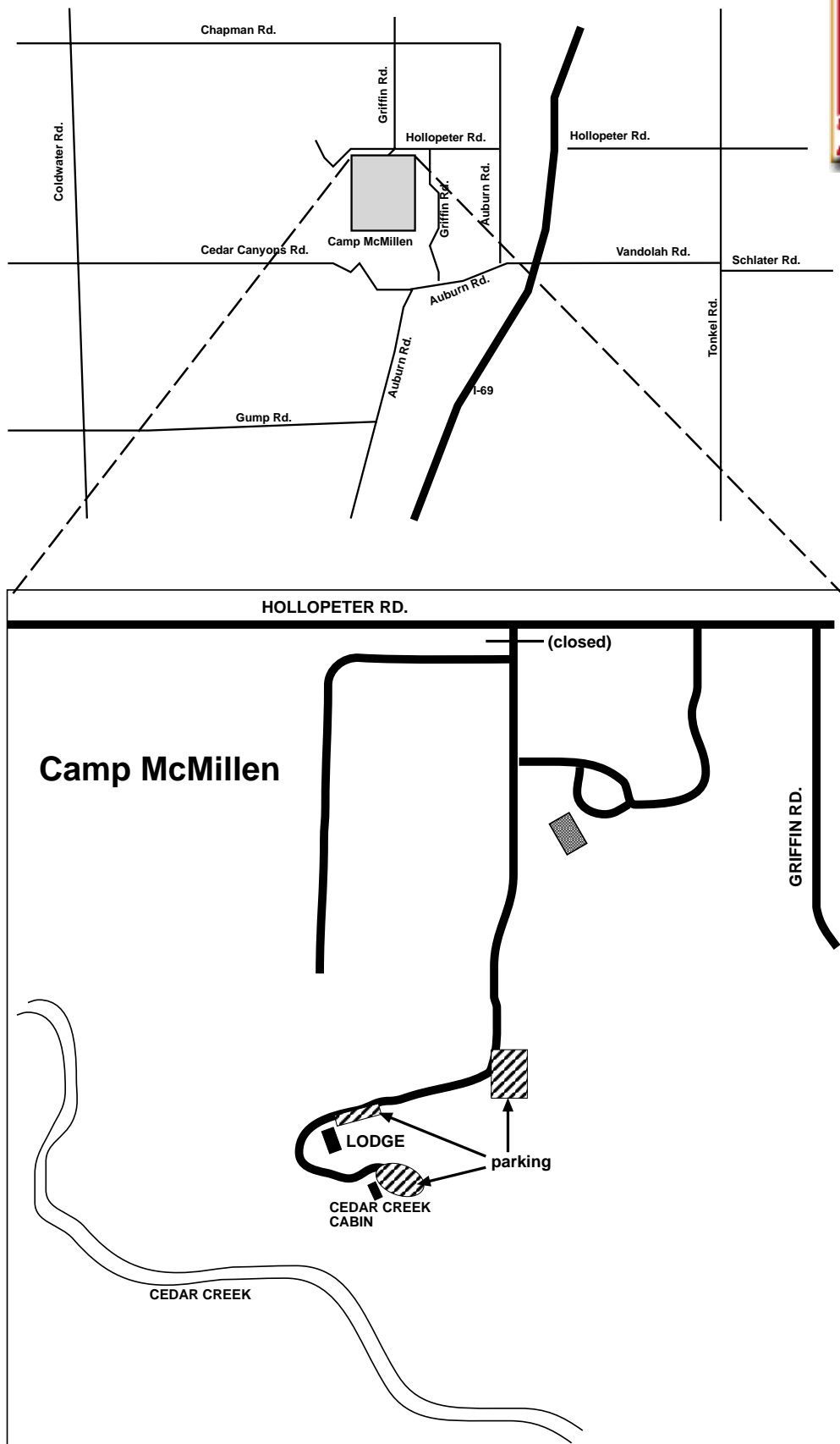
This is the first year for awards of this type; we expect some revision to follow for the next year, and all constructive comments are welcome.

If you have any questions please contact Ernest Clark, KB9SKI (kb9ski@arrl.net).

Thanks & 73

Chuck Crist, W9IH

Maps for Fort Wayne Radio Club Field Day Site





No Holiday for Severe Weather

After what started out as a rather quiet severe weather season, everything in the atmosphere came together on Saturday May 26th - Memorial Day weekend.

During that week, an upper-level low pressure system stagnated over the Great Lakes area, giving us unseasonably cool temperatures and rain for most of the week. However, a small disturbance in conjunction with the upper-level low resulted in thunderstorms forming over north-central Indiana by mid-afternoon Saturday, even though temperatures were only in the 50s.

The first hint there was trouble on the way was when the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Miami County, then continued issuing tornado warnings as the storm moved through Wabash, Huntington, Whitley, and eventually into Allen County. Spotters in Whitley County were activated, and reports of hail, possible rotation and funnel clouds started coming in from that area.

As the storm moved into Allen County, spotters continued to report small hail. Then it happened. Spotters reported organized rotation west of the downtown area, followed by damage reports in the area of Spring St. and Tyler. Spotters continued to watch funnels form then go back up into the clouds, but just west of Northcrest Shopping Center, the funnel touched down and was witnessed by Doug N9NNT. The F1 tornado overturned many vehicles in the parking lot, and some stores in the area sustained structural damage, among them Kohl's, Value City, Best Buy, as well as American Health Fitness Center and Damon's restaurant across the street. The storm continued northeast into several housing additions and apartments, causing damage to trees and several homes. The tornado also damaged the Towne House Retirement Center on St. Joe Center Road. As it moved northeast into DeKalb County, spotters continued to report rotation and possible funnel clouds.

Even though the tornado hit a very congested retail shopping area as well as residential areas late on a Saturday afternoon, there were relatively few injuries, and none appeared to be serious.

The list of spotters who called in reports is too long to mention here, but I would like to note those spotters who directly tracked the storm: Mike N9DCA in Whitley County, Charlie, WB9ULN, Jeff, N9UKF, Doug, N9NNT, Emory, KB9IBW, and Bob, KG9NN in DeKalb County.

There are some things I would like to point out about this event: first, our area was not included in any risk area for severe thunderstorms in the convective outlooks issued by the Storm Prediction Center. Temperatures were in the 50s, which is usually not associated with severe weather. Second, no watch had been issued. This was one of those situations where everything came together, and no one (including the experts) was expecting it. The lesson here: whenever there are thunderstorms in the area, anything can happen. It's rare, but don't turn that weather radio off.

Third, a contingency plan to move damage reports to the 146.76 repeater was put into effect, and this helped keep 146.88 open for reports related to the immediate weather situation. Thanks to Howard, N9ADS for being the NCS for the damage net. Fourth, listen to 162.55 MHz before turning on your 2-meter radio. Don't key the microphone in the aftermath of a tornado touchdown and ask a dumb question like "What's going on?". Don't talk unless you have something to report. There's already enough congestion on the repeater.

As for me, I consider myself a very lucky person. Several minutes before N9NNT reported the touchdown at Northcrest Shopping Center, WB9ULN reported the damage in the Spring St./Tyler area. If you draw a line from that area to Northcrest Shopping Center, my home is almost directly in that path. The winds at my location were only 30 m.p.h. at the most, so apparently the funnel went back up in the clouds as it moved over me. A close call that hopefully will not be repeated.

A few weeks from now, we will enter what I call our "downburst season". We usually have a couple of big wind events from about the middle part of June until the first part of August - and the activity generally peaks around the 4th of July. Normally the problem is not tornadoes, but downburst winds at the leading edge of a squall line. As we all know, this area has the highest incidence of downbursts in the United States.

Thanks again to everyone, some of whom went out of their way to participate in an unexpected event on a Saturday afternoon of a holiday weekend. When WX9IWX signed off, he said that our reports generated quite a bit of excitement in the radar room, and noted that at the height of the storm some weather service personnel were standing there listening to our radio traffic. I think that's the ultimate compliment to the spotters in the field. Job well done.

from Joel, KB9RH

AMSAT President Lauds AO-40 Success, Looks Toward New Project

from *The ARRL Letter* – With a modicum of success already assured for the troubled Phase 3D/AO-40 project, AMSAT-NA President Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, says his organization already is looking toward its next bird. Haighton said AMSAT's newest satellite project could be up and running within three years, possibly sooner.

In an interview with the ARRL, Haighton lauded the "fantastic reports" and "great worldwide coverage" of the AO-40 satellite. Until this week AO-40 had operated its transponders in an experimental mode with uplinks at 435 MHz and 1.2 GHz and a downlink and beacons in the 2.4 GHz band.

AO-40 ground controllers have shut down the satellite's transponders in preparation for raising AO-40's perigee by about 200 km. AMSAT-DL President and AO-40 team member Peter Guelzow, DB2OS, said transponders will remain off "until further notice." The RUDAK beacon and the 2.4 GHz middle beacon will remain up, however.

Haighton said this week that it's hoped the a slightly higher perigee will eliminate the effects of what he described as "a mysterious force" that alters the satellite's attitude when it comes through perigee.

While AMSAT continues dealing with AO-40, Haighton said it's also looking ahead to its next satellite, and design work is expected to get under way in

earnest by this summer. "We would like people in apartments to have access to satellites with relatively small, easy compact equipment and not have to swing large antennas around," he said. "We're looking at our next satellite to provide that."

As plans now stand, the new satellite would—at least in a pinch—accommodate VHF users with omnidirectional antennas at perigee, plus users with good antennas at UHF as well as L band and S band. It also might employ digital modulation capabilities that, Haighton said, could make the new satellite "probably at least 10 dB better than anything we're currently using."

Like AO-40, the new satellite will not be a low-Earth-orbiting bird but have an elliptical orbit that Haighton said would be "very very similar to the current AO-40 orbit." The configuration would provide up to 17 hours or so of usage out of every 24.

"What we're actually looking at is a new class of satellite," Haighton explained. For the time being, the new satellite is going under the name "Project JJ" after the two people who came up with the idea—Lyle Johnson, KK7P, and Dick Jannson, WD4FAB.

"We've already started contacting launch agencies," Haighton said. He added that "a major design weekend" was set for July, and he expressed confidence that the new project could reach fruition "on the outside three years from now."

...the new satellite will ... be "very very similar to the current AO-40 orbit."

Regional Hamfests

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10 Jun 2001	Wabash, IN	219-563-8487	wial1@netusa1.net
10 Jun 2001	Wheaton, IL	630-963-4922	http://www.cyberconnect.com/orion/smcc.html
17 Jun 2001	Crown Point, IN	219-980-8030	leeraue@msn.com
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9 Sep 2001	Findlay, OH	419-423-4604	http://www.bright.net/~kanga/w8ft/hamfest.html
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FCC to Amateurs: Detailed Regulation "Not In the Picture"

from *The ARRL Letter* — The FCC says the ball is in the court of the Amateur Service to determine the course of future Amateur Radio regulation. Speaking May 20 at the Dayton Hamvention FCC forum, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, said that the days of Commission-imposed regulation are past.

"Detailed regulation of the nitty gritty of communication services, including the Amateur Service, is not in the picture," Cross said. "Rather, the FCC is shifting to strong and effective enforcement of truly necessary regulations." The FCC, he said, now plans to look to the amateur community to reach consensus on any new regulations it thinks it wants and needs.

"I hope that those of you who are thinking about asking us to carve up a band by fiat will think again," he told the packed forum. "You really are asking us to tie your hands regarding your use of your spectrum."

Before the FCC initiates any rulemaking proceedings in the Amateur Service to change privileges, Cross said it wants to see proposals involving the implementation of "new and more modern communications technologies," such as digital. In addition, he said, any future proposal "must include all licensees, and it must include all bands," and—most important—the amateur community must reach a consensus on the topic.

Cross said the FCC does not want and cannot handle "multiple proceedings that address piecemeal changes in operating privileges" that affect only certain classes of licensees or certain bands. "You, collectively, need to reach agreement on how you want to use your spectrum," he reiterated.

Cross said he expected the issue of restructuring operator privileges to come up "in a couple of years" at the outside. "Changes in operating privileges for the different classes of operator licenses are inevitable," he said.

VEC Schedule



12-Jul-2001

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Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG
(219)875-8455

VEC: ARRL/VEC

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GREENCROFT BLVD
GOSHEN, IN 46525

22-Jul-2001

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Location: EMA BLDG
1220 EAST RIDGE RD
PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED
VAN WERT, OH 45891

28-Jul-2001

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(219)691-3009

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Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL
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101 W MARKET ST - SUITE C
N9QCL@ARRL.NET
COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

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